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Honorable JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Our members strongly support the police pay raise bills being considered by your Committee. We consider police as essential to a peaceful and ordered society, and the charges of "police brutality" are baseless, and those who make these charges are mendacious.

We request the support of the House District Committee to take the following additional steps to reduce crime: (1) make criminals know they are not welcome in the Nation's Capital. So far, no one has spoken out in this way, warning criminals to move on, including Members of Congress. Yet *LIFE Magazine* (Jan. 12, 1968) reported that the new Mayor of Gary, Indiana, a grandson of a slave, warned criminals "There are those who are no longer welcome in Gary". Bravo for Mayor R. G. Hatcher. It is significant that no one in the new District Government has had the courage to speak out in this fashion. Instead, highly placed members of the City Council rushed to embrace Stokely Carmichael when he returned here. In city after city, Negro moderates are rising to protest the Federal coddling of Black Militants, extremists, and criminals. Here, too, Negro ministers, the Washington Urban League, and other Negro groups have spoken out, and moved against Stokely Carmichael—but not our new Mayor and City Council, who are dominated by the White House.

(2) Urge Congress to immediately move to set up citizen patrols to take care to protect Congress and District citizens from criminals and marches. Help bus and taxi drivers, and law-abiding citizens Negro and White. There is broad support even in the Congress for citizen patrols; for instance, Senator Robert F. Kennedy recently told a New York audience: "we need full citizen support for the police departments of our nation . . . citizen support means a refusal to tolerate lawlessness in any form . . . the reporting of crimes to the police . . . citizens can begin to take on the actual patrolling of their neighborhoods. Citizen patrols have worked in far more dangerous communities: in Crown Heights, the 'Maccabee' patrols substantially cut down violent crime; volunteer police in East Flatbush, Tampa, Florida, and elsewhere have prevented violence." We need all the help Congress can give, not only to protect law-abiding citizens but the Congress as well. President Johnson has said "The safety and security of its citizens is the first duty of government". We are delighted he signed the crime bill, but then he proceeded to dilute its application in the District of Columbia—the Nation's Capital—immediately. Not a single criminal has left town, and citizens are constantly struck down, murdered, raped, criminally assaulted, most often by repeaters with long records, or coddled juveniles. Help! Help! Help!

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. JEWELL B. SMITH, *President.*

Mr. WHITENER. Are there any other witnesses who desire to be heard? If not, thank you very much for your presence. The subcommittee will meet at some subsequent time in executive session to come to a conclusion on the pay legislation, as such.

(Whereupon, at 10:50 a.m., the subcommittee adjourned.)